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TRADE IN PRAIRIE HAY VIRTUALLY AT STANDSTILL.

Kansas City Market

Interest in prairie hay on the Kansas City market during the week ending April 15, was at a low ebb, with only two cars received during the period. The only sale completed was a carry-over lot from the previous week. The two cars received were of medium to ordinary quality, and had not found outlet at the end of the market session today. Local feeding interests were taking care of their requirements from storage and were not inconvenienced by lack of offerings on the open market. Sales on the open market during the week were 1 car of No. 2 at \$8.00 per ton.

Interior Producing Point Markets

Demand for prairie in southeastern Kansas was somewhat more active this week, with the improvement most noticeable in the better grades. Truckers were reported to be moving hay into the Kansas City area and also into southeastern Missouri from the Flint Hills section of Kansas. Scattered truck loads also moved into the Wichita district. Feeders were reported to be buying very sparingly, because of increased utilization of green feeds. Reports from Oklahoma indicate a scarcity of No. 2 or better prairie, considerable difficulty being experienced in locating hay suitable for delivery on Army contracts. It is becoming increasingly difficult to move poor quality prairie, as low grade hay is always a drag on the market when green feeds are available, except in the case of severe drought.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1 \$8.00-8.50

No. 3 \$5.50-7.00

No. 2 7.50-8.00

Sample 4.00-5.50

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